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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS REACTION OCTOBER 23

1. AL-AHRAM

SINGLE STORY ON CEASE-FIRE AND FIERCE FIGHTING IN SINAI
PRECEEDING IT OCCUPIED ALMOST FULL FRONTPAGE.

CEASE-FIRE STORY SAID: SADAT RECEIVED U.S.-USSR DRAFT PROPOSAL
SUNDAY EVENING. CAIRO CEASE-FIRE ACCEPTANCE BASED ON "FULL ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED LANDS" AND "(SAFEGUARDING) LEGITIMATE
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS." SYRIA HAS NOT YET DECIDED TO ACCEPT CEASE-
FIRE. WALDHEIM IS ORGANIZING GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH "ALL PARTIES
IN ME DISPUTE AND SC MEMBERS WILL ATTEND." IT HAS NOT YET BEEN
DECIDED WHETHER PALESTINIANS WILL BE INVITED TO CONFERENCE AS
PRINCIPAL MEMBERS, AS OBSERVERS, OR IN VIET CONG STATUS.
UNNAMED DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES CALLED KISSINGER'S ISRAEL VISIT
"APPLICATION OF MILD PRESSURE." ISRAEL'S ENGLISH AND HEBREW
CEASE-FIRE ACCEPTANCE VERSIONS OFFERED.

MAIN FOREIGN PAGE STORY BANNERED ISRAELI CEASE-FIRE
ACCEPTANCE ANNOUNCEMENT "BEFORE HOLDING SC-SESSION." STORY
QUOTED TEL AVIV REPORT SAYING ISRAELI CABINET "UNANIMOUSLY"
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APPROVAL CEASE-FIRE BECAUSE REFUSAL, AS MIER AND DAYAN STATED,

"WILL PLACE COSTLY RESPONSIBILITIES ON ISRAEL'S SHOULDERS."

TWO-COLUMN MOSCOW WIRE SERVICES COVERED KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TALKS UNDER PHOTO SHOWING EBAN RECEIVING KISSINGER AT LOD AIRPORT.

FOREIGN PAGE ITEM COVERED WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT OF "CONTINUING" RESUPPLIES TO ISRAEL AND PHOTOS EGYPT PRESENTED AT U.N. SHOWING VICTIMS OF ISRAEL'S "U.S.S. MADE, ANTI-CIVILIAN" BOMBS.

FEATURE PAGE PRESENTED FULL COVERAGE OF SC CEASE-FIRE DEBATES AND RESOLUTION TEXT.

AL-AHRAM'S POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES CENTER PRESENTED ASSESSMENT OF CEASE-FIRE SAYING, SUPERPOWERS NOW "BEAR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SC RESOLUTION, ITS SUBSTANCE AND CONSEQUENCES -- A SITUATION THAT U.S. AND ISRAEL NEVER ACCEPTED BEFORE;" EGYPT'S "FUTURE POLITICAL BATTLE WILL BE AS VIOLENT AS THE MILITARY ONE ... BECAUSE WE ARE FACING ENEMY TRYING TO COMPENSATE THROUGH POLITICS WHAT IT HAS LOST IN WAR."

2. AL-AKHBAR

TWO-COLUMN FRONTPAGE STORY QUOTED NEWSWEEK SAYING "CALAMITY" WILL STRIKE MIER AND DAYAN BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S "DEVASTATING WAR LOSSES."

FRONTPAGE ITEMS REPORTED WASHINGTON-MOSCOW ASSURANCES TO COMBATANTS THAT "THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED DURING CEASE-FIRE AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT TALKS."; EGYPTIAN DENIAL OF ISRAELI CLAIM OF CONTINUED FIGHTING ON CANAL; UNNAMED LONDON OBSERVER OPINION THAT "ARAB HAVE WON GREAT POLITICAL BATTLE IN ACCEPTING CEASE-FIRE,"; AND U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT THAT RESUPPLIES ARE STILL BEING SENT TO ISRAEL.

FRONTPAGE COLUMNIST MOUSSA SABRI SAID EGYPT ACCEPTED CEASE-FIRE BECAUSE WORLD CAME TO UNDERSTAND THROUGH "OUR VICTORIOUS WAR" WHAT IT COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THROUGH "(OUR) CALL FOR RIGHT AND PEACE."

ONE-COLUMN TEL AVIV WIRE SERVICE REPORT COVERED DAYAN AND MIER'S "ENTHUSIASM" FOR CEASE-FIRE. KISSINGER'S TEL AVIV ARRIVAL PHOTO WITH EBAN WAS PUBLISHED IN TWO COLUMNS.

COLUMNIST MOHAMED ZAKI ABDEL-QAKSR HAILED EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN MILITARY "HEROES" WHO WERE ABLE TO SAVE U.N. CHARTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM HUMILIATION CAUSED BY ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE INCLINATIONS AND U.S. SUPPORT."

BACKPAGE COLUMNIST ANIS MANSOUR CITED CANAL CROSSING AS "VICTORY OVER FEAR, DEFEAT AND HUMILIATION." HE ALSO PRAISED ARAB SOLIDARITY "FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY."

3. AL-GOMHOURIYA

THREE-COLUMN TEL AVIV WIRE SERVICE REPORT SAID, KISSINGER RECEIVED NIXON'S ORDER TO LAND IN ISRAEL FOR "URGENT TALKS," AFTER HE HAD LEFT MOSCOW BY AIR. PHOTO OF KISSINGER AND EBAN AT LDN AIRPORT ALSO PRINTED.

FRONTPAGE ITEMS COVERED CAIRO ACTIVITIES TO EXPLAIN CEASE-FIRE ACCEPTANCE TO WORLD CAPITALS, SYRIAN MEETINGS TO CONSIDER SC RESOLUTION AND "ISRAELI LIES CLAIMING EGYPT'S CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION."

4. COMMENT: CENSOR'S GUIDANCE OT NEWSPAPERS REGARDING COVERAGE OF TODAY'S NEWS SEEMED TO BE TO SUPPORT CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND TO HIGHLIGHT ASPECTS OF AGREEMENT THAT ENHANCE EGYPT'S NATIONAL INTEREST IN ORDER TO CONVINCE MINORITY OPINION THAT EGYPT'S DECISION TO ACCEPT CEASEFIRE WAS NOT HASTY AND ILL-ADVISED.

5. IN TODAY'S PRESS THERE WERE NO STORIES ABOUT ARAB ACTION TO REDUCE OR CUT OFF OIL TO US AND VERY FEW STORIES ABOUT US ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. MAJOR AND MINOR EDITORIALISTS CONTINUED TO REFRAIN FROM ATTACKING US.
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